

**Adjourned Meeting of the Board  
Ferry County Commissioners  
Tuesday January 26, 2016**

The meeting was opened at 9:00 AM by Commissioner Davis with Commissioner Miller and Commissioner Blankenship present.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Changes and Additions to the Agenda**

An executive session per RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) for the purpose of discussing Personnel was added to the Agenda.

Minutes were added to the Agenda.

A Grasshopper Festival Presentation was added to the Agenda.

**Fairgrounds Update**

Fairgrounds Manager Wayne Egner came before the Board to give an update on a grant that Fairgrounds Manager Sue Egner applied for. Mr. Egner reported that the County has received a new agriculture grant for the horse barns in the amount of approximately \$70,000. Discussion was held on the six hundred feet of eve lighting. Mr. Egner reported on the plan for a new pole building and asked if he had to put it out for bid. Commissioner Miller asked Clerk Amanda Rowton to work with Public Works Controller Sharon Sattler on the bid process. Discussion was held on the new pole building. Commissioner Blankenship asked Mr. Egner if he had permission from FEMA to build on the designated site. Mr. Egner assured the Board that he did have permission to build on the site.

**Minutes**

Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve the Minutes as corrected for January 19, 2016. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Grasshopper Festival Presentation**

Sarah Wilson came before the Board to discuss the Grasshopper Festival. Ms. Wilson reported on all the advertising that was done for the Grasshopper Festival in 2015. Ms. Wilson stated that she did the most advertising on the radio. Ms. Wilson showed the Board all the posters, fliers and postcards that were made for the Grasshopper Festival for last year. Ms. Wilson reported that the Grasshopper Festival had over 1,800 people attend last summer. Discussion was held on capturing the bugs and price per grasshopper. Discussion was held on what makes a bug food grade. Ms. Wilson reiterated on the importance of getting outside people to come to Ferry County as well as keeping money in our County.

Commissioner Blankenship asked Ms. Wilson how much the City of Republic gave the Grasshopper Festival for Tourism. Ms. Wilson stated that the City gave her \$100 last year and \$1,000 for this year's advertising. Commissioner Miller asked Ms. Wilson who does the design work for the advertising for the Grasshopper Festival. Ms. Wilson reported that Arista Hageman does the design work. Commissioner Blankenship asked Ms. Wilson if there was a way to share advertising with other groups. Ms. Wilson stated that there was some shared advertising amongst groups.

Discussion was held on more effective ways to count how many people attend the Grasshopper Festival.

**Executive Session per RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel**

Prosecutor Kathryn Burke, Sheriff Ray Maycumber, 911 Coordinator Karen Hall and Human Resources Jill Gates were present. The Board went in to Executive Session at 10:00 AM. The Board came out of Executive Session at 10:44 AM. No decisions were made.

**Commissioners' Working Session**

Discussion was held on radio service and cell phone service.

Marcus to Marble Mount/Old Stage Coach Road letter writing.

**Unfinished Business**

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:18 PM.

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FERRY COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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